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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - SEPT 18-20

1 HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SOVIET PRESS:

-- US COVERAGE MOSTLY NEGATIVE WITH ATTEMPT TO
BALANCE TREATMENT OF TWO PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES.

-- WEEKEND COVERAGE OF SECRETARY'S AFRICA TRIP AND
U S POLICY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA IS MODERATE IN VOLUME,
CRITICAL IN TONE. PRAVDA SEPT 20 HAS A CARTOON SHOWING
PM VORSTER BEING LIFTED OFF SINKING SHIP OF APARTHEID
BY IMPLICIT U.S. ASSISTANCE. THERE ARE NO EDITORIALS
OR LENGTHY COMMENTARIES IN WEEKEND CENTRAL PRESS
ALTHOUGH YU. ZHUKOV DOES HAVE A "RETORT" IN SEPT 18
PRAVDA TO VORSTER'S REMARKS ON U.S. - SOUTH AFRICAN
STRUGGLE AGAINST COMMUNISM. SEPT 18 KZ HAS SHARP,
TASS LUSAKA ARTICLE ON SECRETARY'S TRIP AND U.S. POLICY
IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. GOAL OF SECRETARY'S TRIP, SAYS
ARTICLE, IS TO FOIST ON AFRICANS A SOLUTION OF
RHODESIAN AND NAIMBIAN PROBLEMS ADVANTAGEOUS TO U.S.
PRAVDA SEPTEMBER 19 "INTERNATIONAL WEEK" COLUMN BY O.
ORESTOV DISCUSSES SECRETARY'S TRIP ("UNINVITED MEDIATOR")
AT SOME LENGTH, GRUDGINGLY ADMITTING THAT THE LEADERS OF
TANZANIA AND ZAMBIA AGREED TO LEARN MORE ABOUT
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"KISSINGER-VORSTER" PLAN, BUT CONCLUDING BY CITING
AFRICAN LEADERS AND AFRICAN PRESS ON FUTILITY OF
LAST MINUTE EFFORTS TO SAVE RACIST REGIMES.

--WEEKLY NOVOYE VREMYA (SEPTEMBER 17) HAS CRITICAL ARTICLE
BY D. VOL'SKIY ON SECRETARY'S ATTEMPT TO DUPLICATE IN
SOUTHERN AFRICA, THE SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY HE PRACTICED IN
M.E. THE LATTER, SAYS VOL'SKIY, LED TO A PROCESS

WHICH HAS SEEN THE DEVASTATION OF BEIRUT, THE DEATH OF 40 THOUSAND LEBANESE AND PALESTINIANS AND, IN GENERAL, THE STRENGTHENING RATHER THAN THE WEAKENING OF TENSION IN THE M.E.

-- SOVIET DEPUTY MINISTER OF CULTURE, B. POPOV, AUTHORED LONG PRAVDA PIECE ON "DETENTE AND CULTURAL EXCHANGES" SEPTEMBER 19 WHICH TRUMPETS SOVIET PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING CSCE AGREEMENTS BY EXPANDING CULTURAL EXCHANGES (2.5 TIMES WHAT THEY WERE TEN YEARS AGO) AND ALSO BLASTS LENOARD MARKS, "THE AMERICAN PROPAGANDIST", FOR HIS CRITICAL REMARKS ABOUT SOVIET EXCHANGE ACTIVITY.

-- WEEKEND PRESS TOOK NOTE OF UNGA OPENING WITH ARTICLES IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER LINKED TO UN AND DISARMAMENT, INCLUDING "MEETING" IN FRONT OF UN HEADQUARTERS BY "REPRESENTATIVES OF PROGRESSIVE AMERICAN OPINION" PROTESTING U.S. ARMS EXPENDITURES (IZVESTIYA, SEPTEMBER 18 AND KZ, SEPTEMBER 19). PRAVDA'S COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN BY BORIS STREL'NIKOV, SEPTEMBER 18 NOTED ENMOD DRAFT TREATY ON AGENDA OF UNGA AND CALLED IT "IMPORTANT STEP" TOWARDS PEACE AND SECURITY AND SAID USSR WILL DO ALL IT CAN TO BRING ABOUT ITS ADOPTION. NOVOYE VREMYA EDITORIAL HAD HORTATORY COMMENTS ON DETENTE, DISARMAMENT AND ENDING ARMS RACE IN CONNECTIONS WITH UNGA SESSION.

-- FRG GOT LION'S SHARE OF EUROPEAN COVERAGE INCLUDING PRAVDA ANNOUNCEMENT SEPTEMBER 20 THAT BREZHNEV WOULD VISIT FRG AT UNSPECIFIED DATE IN FUTURE. WILLY BRANDT GOT FAVORABLE PRESS WHILE STRAUSS AND CDU/SCU GOT NEGATIVE TREATMENT.

TO KEEP THINGS IN PERSPECTIVE, HOWEVER, KZ ON SEPTEMBER 19 TROTS OUT OLD ARGUMENTS ABOUT FRG MILITARISM AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PREPONDERANT ROLE, IN SOVIET VIEW, OF FRG AMONG WESTERN EUROPEAN NATO MEMBERS.

--IZVESTIYA'S INTERNATIONAL COMMENTARY BY S. ZYKOV ON SEPTEMBER 17 CLAIMS OPTIMISM ABOUT EC NINE TAKING "DECISIVE STEP" TOWARDS POLITICAL UNITY IN EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT NOW SEEM TO BE UNJUSTIFIED. ECONOMIC WOES OF EC ARE CATALOGUED BUT, HE MAKES NO REFERENCE TO BERLIN ISSUE IN EC PARLIAMENT.

-- IZVESTIYA CORRESPONDENT YU. BANDURA WRITES ON SEPTEMBER 17 THAT 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF NORMALIZATION OF SOVIET-JAPANESE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS HAS BEEN SOURED BY RENEWED JAPANESE ATTENTION TO NORTHERN TERRITORIES ISSUE. HE MENTIONS IN PARTICULAR

JAPANESE GRAVES, CLAIMING THAT REAL ISSUE IS PASS-
PORTS AND VISAS (I.E. SOVEREIGNTY). BANDURA ALSO
MENTIONED MIYAZAWA'S VISIT TO THE AREA AND CLAIMED
THAT THIS ACTION IS BAD FOR BILATERAL RELATIONS. NO
MENTION MADE OF MIG DEFECTOR INCIDENT.

-- IZVESTIYA SEPTEMBER 18 AND PRAVDA SEPTEMBER 19 CARRY
IDENTICAL TASS ITEM REPORTING THE FUNERAL OBSERVA-
TIONS FOR CHAIRMAN MAO AND MENTIONING PARTICIPANTS IN
THE CEREMONY, BUT NOTES THAT PLACE AND TIME OF BURIAL
HAVE NOT BEEN ANNOUNCED. PRAVDA'S INTERNATIONAL WEEK
COMMENTARY ALSO REPORTED WEEK-LONG MOURNING BUT SAYS
NOTHING ABOUT REJECTION OF SOVIET BLOC PARTY MESSAGES
AND DOES NOT COMMENT IN ANY WAY ON EVENTS OF PAST WEEK.

-- PRAVDA SEPTEMBER 20 CARRIED COMMENTARY BY V. KALININ
TRYING TO SOFTEN DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ASEAN PROPOSALS
ON SOUTHEAST ASIAN ZONE OF PEACE AND VIEWS OF THE
COMMUNIST STATES OF INDOCHINA. ITEM NOTES THE HISTORIC
DIFFERENCES BETWEEN TWO GROUPS BUT THEN POINTS TO IMPROVE-
MENT IN RELATIONS AND APPLAUDS REDUCED U.S. MILITARY

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ROLE IN THE REGION.

-- ON MIDDLE EAST, WEEKEND COVERAGE IS HIGHLIGHTED BY
LENGTHY, CRITICAL YU. GLUKHOV ARTICLE ON "TEL AVIV'S
UNDECLARED WAR" IN SEPTEMBER 19 PRAVDA HITTING
ISRAELI MILITARY INVOLVEMENT IN LEBANON,
ISRAELI "SYSTEMATIC COLONIALIZATION" OF OCCUPIED TERRITORIES
AND U.S. - ISRAELI POLICY OF "PARTIAL STEPS" IN M.E. WHICH HAS
PROVED TO BE "DETONATOR" OF LEBANESE CRISIS. GLUKHOV STATES
CATEGORICALLY THAT LEBANESE CRISIS EMPHASIZES URGENCY
OF SPEEKY (SKOREISHIY) CONVOCAION OF GENEVA CONFERENCE
AND WORKING OUT OF GENERAL M.E. SOLUTION.

-- PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA SEPTEMBER 18 DESCRIBE
PLO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER QADDUMI'S MEETINGS
WITH GROMYKO AND CC CPSU FUNCTIONARIES (MOSCOW 14718).
LOCAL PLO REPRESENTATIVE ASH-SHAR'IR'S SEPTEMBER 18
TV INTERVIEW DID NOT TOUCH ON QADDUMI VISIT.

-- THERE ARE SEVERAL ARTICLES IN WEEKEND PRESS PICKING
AT EGYPTIANS. PRAVDA SEPTEMBER 20 HAS TASS CAIRO ITEM
ON CHARGE BY GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF NATIONAL PROGRESSIVE
(LEFT) ORGANIZATION OF ASU THAT CONSERVATIVE FACTION
WITHIN ASU OPERATES WITH IMPLICIT GOVERNMENT SUPPORT TO
WEAKEN LEFT, ESPECIALLY ON EVE OF PARLIAMENTARY ELEC-
TION. SAME ISSUE OF PRAVDA HAS SHORT PIECE BY SPECIAL
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CAIRO CORRESPONDENT, A. VASIL'EV, ON TRANSPORT WORKERS'
STRIKE AND "REPRESSIVE MEASURES" OF AUTHORITIES.
SEPTEMBER 18 IZVESTIYA HAS ARTICLE BY SPECIAL CAIRO
CORRESPONDENT R. MOSEYEV ON WEAKENING OF EGYPTIAN
AGRARIAN REFORM MEASURES OF 1952.

-- ON LATIN AMERICAN SEPTEMBER 19 PRAVDA AND KZ
BRIEFLY NOTE PANAMANIAN NOTE TO USG COMPLAINING
OF CIA ACTIVITY AGAINST PANAMA.

-- SEPTEMBER 18 IZVESTIYA MENTIONED JUST CONCLUDED CEMA
SEMINAR OF REPRESENTATIVES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
OF LATIN AMERICA.

2. U.S. GETS NEGATIVE TREATMENT, ALTHOUGH CAMPAIGN
COVERAGE IS RESTRAINED AND BALANCED IN TREATMENT OF
CANDIDATES.

-- SUSLOV, SPEAKING IN LENINGRAD, REMINDS US THAT U.S.
BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION ONLY SHOWS SUPERIORITY OF
SOCIALIST SYSTEM (ALL ORGANS) AND FORD STRIKE AND
CRIMINALS ON LOOSE IN U.S. (PRAVDA, SEPTEMBER 19) ARE
CONCRETE, NEGATIVE EXAMPLES OF AMERICANA AS IS CIA
MISUSE OF PRESS BY USING NEWS CREDENTIALS AS COVER FOR
AGENTS (IZVESTIYA, SEPTEMBER 18). M. STURUA IN
SEPTEMBER 17 IZVESTIYA ALSO EXPLAINS HOW U.S. PUBLIC
OPINION IS MANIPULATED BY GOVERNMENT.

-- PRAVDA'S INTERNATIONAL WEEK LOOKS AT FORD AND CARTER
IN FOREIGN POLICY AREA AND FINDS, BY CITING SCM
EVALUATION, THAT THERE IS NO GREAT DIFFERENCE. CARTER
GETS MAJOR SHARE OF COVERAGE INCLUDING SOME CRITICAL
REFERENCES TO HIS QUALIFICATION OF HIS STATEMENT NOT
TO GET U.S. INVOLVED IN ANOTHER VIETNAM. U.S., SAYS

PRAVDA, HAS HISTORICAL PENCHANT FORN INVOLVEMENT AND AGAIN DRAGS OUT JAMES CHASE ARTICLE FROM FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN SUPPORT. SEPTEMBER 18 PRAVDA ARTICLE BY A. TOLKUNOV TAKES BOTH FORD AND CARTER TO TASK FOR THEIR STATEMENTS EXPRESSING "ANXIETY" OVER CONDITIONS OF SOVIET JEWS.

KZ ON SEPTEMBER 19 HAS SIMILAR TASS PIECE WITH REACTION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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A BIT MORE STRIDENT.

-- KZ ACCUSES PENTAGON ON SEPTEMBER 19 OF UNDERTAKING PROGRAM TO DEVELOP NEW KINDS OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS AND RECALLS SAN FRANCISCO PRESS CONFERENCE OF BIOCHEMIST RATMAN (TRANSLIT) AND "EXPERT" OF HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, G. BERDES (TRANSLIT) TO SUPPORT ALLEGATIONS. LEGIONNAIRES' DISEASE ALSO RELATED TO OUT-OF-CONTROL PENTAGON CHEMICAL WEAPONS AND A DOCTOR ROBERT MACK (OTHERWISE UNIDENTIFIED) IS QUOTED AS SAYING, "THERE IS A SUSPICION THAT THIS WAS A POISONOUS SUBSTANCE USED IN CHEMICAL WARFARE."

-- TAS WASHINGTON ITEM IN PRAVDA SEPTEMBER 19 REPORTS REOPENING OF INVESTIGATIONS INTO JFK, RFK AND MARTIN LUTHER KING KILLINGS.

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